

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/16/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20-25.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☒ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This is in response to the communications filed on 16 August 2006.
2. Claims 20-25 are pending in the application.
3. Claims 20-25 have been allowed.
4. Claims 1-19 and 26-41 have been cancelled.

### ***Drawings***

5. The drawings filed on 1 August 200 are acceptable subject to correction of the informalities indicated on the attached "Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review," PTO-948. In order to avoid abandonment of this application, correction is required in reply to the Office action. The correction will not be held in abeyance.

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

6. Claims 20-25 are allowed.

The current application is directed towards a system at a web site addressable by one or more client computers. Each client computer connects to the web site to receive a respondent identifier and a viewer. The viewer at the client computer generates a unique viewer identifier identifying the client computer, and sends that identifier to the web site for registration with the respondent identifier. The viewer connects to the web site and downloads a file with encrypted content information. The viewer requests the web site for a key to decrypt the file. Based on the respondent and viewer identifiers, and the particular survey and exposure limits, a key is sent to the client computer. The viewer decrypts the encrypted file with the key, and then shows the content information in a window. During viewing, the viewer ignores interrupts from the

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computer's user interface enabling copying, and stops showing the decrypted content if another window is selected.

Independent claim 20 describes sending a survey to a computer via the Internet that references a network address to obtain a file for the survey, and downloading that file from the network address.

The closest prior art to the current application was Dedrick U.S. Patent No. 5,710,884. In Dedrick there is only but one user profile transmitted to the user, and later updated to the profile server for each user (see FIG. 9, and column 20, lines 4-28). This is not comparable to the two claimed elements of (i) a survey, and (ii) a file requested for that survey, since in Dedrick there is one user profile transmitted, stored, or updated for a user at his or her client device 12 (e.g. PC). Dedrick does not who each and every element of independent claim 20.


Any claim not directly addressed is allowed on the virtue of its dependency.

***Conclusion***


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aravind K. Moorthy whose telephone number is 571-272-3793. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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